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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Achievement Awards Committee

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Suggestion on Book Disposal Units Outside  
the Library

1. At the April meeting of the Fine Art Commission, the Commission discussed the suggestion submitted to the Suggestion and Achievement Awards Committee for the placement of book disposal units outside the Library to facilitate the return of books after the Library is closed. A member of the Commission had already explored with the Library the various possibilities for facilitating the return of books, including looking at book disposal units available from library supply houses.

2. The Commission is opposed to the suggestion. We want to preserve the simplicity of the environment in the public spaces and wish to avoid unnecessary clutter. The disposal units available from library supply houses are bulky and ugly and would, in our view, be something of an eyesore.

3. Although recognizing that security concerns are outside our mandate, we wish to point out the potential security hazards involved in placing book disposal units in the hallways into which objects other than books could be placed. And we question whether there really is a pressing need for such a service, especially in light of the fact that books can be returned by putting them in the inter-office mail system.

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